The path to your PhD
Follow these steps to complete your doctoral studies at the UOC:

1. Welcome, contact a supervisor and submit your application
   - Choose a line of research
   - Contact a UOC-recognized supervisor
   - Submit the application
   - Your application is reviewed by the programme’s academic committee (AC)
   - If admitted, you are assigned a personal tutor and enrolled on the doctoral programme

2. Join the UOC and draft your study and thesis plans
   - Apply to the UOC and take part in the welcome and information service
   - Follow your research plan schedule
   - Submit your doctoral course modules
   - Draft a thesis plan
   - The TSC sends your thesis plan at least once a year to the AC
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   - Maintain frequent communication with your thesis supervisor(s)
   - Co-supervisors can be from outside the UOC

3. Deposit your thesis
   - Submit your thesis
   - The TSC drafts a report on the thesis plan
   - The AC receives the report and decides on the advisory board
   - The AC approves the thesis plan
   - If admitted, your personal tutor and the AC are notified
   - Your thesis supervisor writes up:
     - Your thesis
     - CV, reports, and activity report
   - A proposal for the thesis panel
     - The AC makes a decision regarding the thesis panel
     - If a majority of members are in favour, the thesis is passed

4. Gain your PhD
   - Jointly signed minutes of the defence
   - Submit the defence
   - Each member signs the special award recommendation
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   - Your certificate is issued

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